

DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Jason Rhodes (Reg. No. 47,305) on 8 May 2008.

This application has been amended as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Cancel claim 2 and 12 – 20.

Replace claims 1, 3, 4, 22 and 26.

Claim 1:

A computer device, the computer device being a tablet PC or handheld computer, the computer device comprising:

a display;

a random access memory; ~~storing system information;~~

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a first storage having ~~sensitive and non-sensitive information~~ at least one file containing sensitive information;

a second storage having at least one file containing non-sensitive information;
and

a processor controlling a secure state and an insecure state of said computer device, said processor having applications that have access to said at least one file while said computer device is in said insecure state, the processor denying the applications access to the information in the first storage while said computer device is in said insecure state, ~~the applications including a calendaring program and a note-taking application~~;

wherein the computer device transitions from a standby state directly to the insecure state to present a user an opportunity to login, the standby state being a ~~state during which the display is powered off~~ state of the computer device which is different than a complete shut down of the computer device; ~~and the random access memory remains powered~~;

wherein the computer device transitions from the insecure state to the secure state based on a the user login which is independent of said ~~at least one applications~~;

~~wherein during the insecure state the calendaring program accesses the non-sensitive information in the at least one file in order to output non-sensitive calendar data via the display~~;

wherein during the insecure state upon resumption from said standby state the computer device ~~note-taking application~~ is enabled to execute one of the applications to

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input audio or textual application information to be kept in ~~written to~~ the second storage and to be transferred to the first or second storage only when the user login is authenticated. ~~as non-sensitive information; and~~

~~wherein the non-sensitive information in the first and second storages is synchronized based on predetermined time periods or predetermined events.~~

Claim 3:

The ~~system~~ computer device according to claim 1, said processor further having a calculator program, a calendaring program or a note taking application available to the user during the insecure state.

Claim 4:

A computer device comprising:

a display;

first and second storages; wherein the first storage having at least one file containing sensitive information; and the second storage having at least one file containing non-sensitive information and

~~a random access memory storing system information;~~

a processor controlling a secure state and an insecure state of said computer device, said processor having at least one application that is executed while said computer device is in said insecure state, the processor denying the at least one

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application access to the information in the first storage while the computer device is in the insecure state, wherein the processor is configured to:

cause the computer device to transition from a standby state directly to the insecure state to present a user an opportunity to login, wherein the standby state ~~is a state during which the display is a powered off state of the computer device which is different than a complete shut down of the computer device; and the random access memory remains powered;~~ and

control transitions from the insecure state to the secure state based on a the user login independent of said at least one application;

wherein during the insecure state upon resumption from said standby state the computer device is enabled to execute the at least one application to receive input information from the user to be kept in the second storage and to be transferred to the first storage only when the user login is authenticated.

Claim 22:

The computer device of claim 4, further comprising:

a ~~first~~ second storage having a first file containing non-sensitive information, the first file being accessed by the at least one application while the computer device is in the insecure state; ~~a second storage having sensitive and non-sensitive information,~~ wherein the ~~first~~ second storage is synchronized with information in the ~~second~~ first storage during a predetermined time period or event, wherein said ~~second~~ first storage has a second file accessed by the at least one

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application, or by another application executed by the processor, while the computer device is in the secure state, and

wherein at least part of the non-sensitive information in the ~~second~~ first file is transferred to the ~~first~~ second file during the synchronization.

Claim 26:

~~the~~ The computer device according to claim 22, wherein the processor prevents the at least one application from accessing the ~~second~~ first storage while the computer device is in the insecure state.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims **1, 3 – 11 and 21 – 27** are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The above mentioned claims are allowable over prior arts because the CPA (Cited Prior Art) of record fails to teach or render obvious the claimed limitations in combination with the specific added limitations, as recited in the independent claims 1 and 4.

Applicant has claimed unique features in the instant invention which are not found in the prior art, either singularly or in combination. According to the invention, a computer device comprising a first storage having at least one file containing sensitive

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information; and a second storage having at least one file containing non-sensitive information and a processor controlling a secure state and an insecure state of said computer device, wherein the processor denying the at least one application access to the information in the first storage while the computer device is in the insecure state, and causing the computer device to transition from a standby state directly to the insecure state to present a user an opportunity to login, wherein the standby state is a powered off state of the computer device which is different than a complete shut down of the computer device; and control transitions from the insecure state to the secure state based on the user login independent of said at least one application; wherein during the insecure state upon resumption from said standby state the computer device is enabled to execute the at least one application to receive input information from the user to be kept in the second storage and to be transferred to the first storage only when the user login is authenticated.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Longbit Chai whose telephone number is 571-272-3788. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ayaz R. Sheikh can be reached on 571-272-3795. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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